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1. Election of officers

Rule 161 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly provides that "the rules relating to the procedure of committees of the General Assembly, as well as rules 45 and 60, shall apply to the procedure of any subsidiary organ unless the Assembly or the subsidiary organ decides otherwise". Accordingly, the proceedings of the Preparatory Committee are governed by rule 161.

By operative paragraph 3, section II of its resolution 44/228, the General Assembly decided that the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, at its organizational session, shall elect, with due regard to equitable geographic representation, the Chairman and other members of its bureau, comprising a substantial number of Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur.

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The General Assembly further decided in operative paragraph 4, section II, that the host country of the Conference, Brazil, shall be ex officio a member of the Bureau.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda for the organizational session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development has been drawn up on the basis of General Assembly resolution 44/228 of 22 December 1989.

3. Preparations for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

At its forty-fourth session, the General Assembly, recalling, inter alia, its resolution 43/196 of 20 December 1988, decided, by its resolution 44/228 to convene the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in 1992 and accepted with deep appreciation the generous offer of the Government of Brazil to act as host for the Conference.

In this connection, the Assembly decided to establish a Preparatory Committee open to all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies, with the participation of observers in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly. It further decided that the Preparatory Committee should hold an organizational session of two weeks' duration at United Nations Headquarters, in New York, in March 1990, and indicated arrangements for future sessions of the Preparatory Committee. The question of arrangements for future sessions of the Preparatory Committee is dealt with under item 4 of the provisional agenda.

In operative paragraph 7, section II, of the aforementioned resolution, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to prepare a report for the organizational session of the Preparatory Committee containing recommendations on an adequate preparatory process, taking into account the provisions of that resolution and the views expressed by Governments in the plenary debate at the forty-fourth session of the General Assembly (see A/44/PV.36 and 38-39).

The Assembly also decided that the Preparatory Committee shall:

(a) Draft the provisional agenda of the Conference, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 44/228;

(b) Adopt guidelines to enable States to take a harmonized approach in their preparations and reporting;

(c) Prepare draft decisions for the Conference and submit them to the Conference for consideration and adoption.

In resolution 44/228, section II, paragraph 16, the Assembly requested the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee to report to it at its forty-fifth and forty-sixth sessions on the progress of the work of the Committee.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General containing recommendations for the preparatory process of the Conference on Environment and Development (A/CONF.151/PC/2)

4. Arrangements for future sessions of the Preparatory Committee

By resolution 44/228, section II, paragraph 2, the General Assembly provided that, inter alia, the Preparatory Committee would hold its final session, at United Nations Headquarters, in New York, and three additional substantive sessions, the first in Nairobi and the following two in Geneva, the timing of which would be determined by the Preparatory Committee at its organizational session.

5. Provisional agenda for the first session of the Preparatory Committee

Bearing in mind the tasks entrusted to it, the Preparatory Committee may wish to draw up a provisional agenda for its first session.

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PREPARATIONS FOR THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

Preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly, by its resolution 44/228, section I, paragraphs 1 and 2, decided to convene a United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Brazil in 1992.

2. In section II, paragraph 7 of the resolution, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General of the United Nations to prepare a report for the organizational session of the Preparatory Committee containing recommendations on an adequate preparatory process, taking into account the provisions of the resolution and the views expressed by Governments in the plenary debate at the forty-fourth session of the General Assembly.

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I. BACKGROUND

A. General Assembly resolution 44/228

3. While all the preambular and operative paragraphs of the resolution constitute the general mandate of the Conference, the Secretary-General, for purposes of working out the organizational arrangements of the preparatory process, has paid particular attention to operative paragraphs 12 and 15 of section I.

4. Paragraph 12 affirms that the following environmental issues, which are not listed in any particular order of priority, are among those of major concern in maintaining the quality of the Earth's environment and especially in achieving environmentally sound and sustainable development in all countries:

(a) Protection of the atmosphere by combating climate change, depletion of the ozone layer and transboundary air pollution;

(b) Protection of the quality and supply of freshwater resources;

(c) Protection of the oceans and all kinds of seas, including enclosed and semi-enclosed seas, and of coastal areas and the protection, rational use and development of their living resources;

(d) Protection and management of land resources by, inter alia, combating deforestation, desertification and drought;

(e) Conservation of biological diversity;

(f) Environmentally sound management of biotechnology;

(g) Environmentally sound management of wastes, particularly hazardous wastes, and of toxic chemicals, as well as prevention of illegal international traffic in toxic and dangerous products and wastes;

(h) Improvement of the living and working environment of the poor in urban slums and rural areas, through eradicating poverty, inter alia, by implementing integrated rural and urban development programmes, as well as taking other appropriate measures at all levels necessary to stem the degradation of the environment;

(i) Protection of human health conditions and improvement of the quality of life.

5. The objectives of the Conference in addressing environmental issues in a socio-economic development context might be grouped as follows:

(a) Examination of the state of the environment and changes therein (ninth preambular para.; subpara. 15 (a));

(b) Examination of the relationship between environment and development and identification of strategies, policies and measures to promote sustained and environmentally sound development (twelfth-fourteenth preambular paras.; paras. 4-6, 11, 15 (b), (c), (e)-(i));

(c) Examination of technology transfer modalities and funding mechanisms, identification of new and additional financial resources for environmentally sound development programmes and for solving major environmental problems of global concern (fourth, nineteenth, twentieth preambular paras.; paras. 10, 15 (j)-(m), (v));

(d) Institution-building and promotion of international environmental law and co-operation aspects (eighteenth preambular para.; paras. 7, 8, 12 (h), 13, 15 (d), (e), (q), (r), (t), (u));

(e) Provision of support (human resources development, technical co-operation, information) (subparas. 15 (n)-(p), (s), (t)).

6. The objective of the Conference might be summarized as an examination of strategies on environment and development to arrive at specific agreements and commitments by Governments and intergovernmental organizations within specific timeframes and the identification of the financial resources needed to implement such strategies, the sources of such resources and the modalities for the transfer of appropriate technologies.

B. Other resolutions relevant to the Conference

1. Plan of Action to Combat Desertification (resolution 44/172)

7. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has been mandated by its Governing Council to prepare a status report on the state of desertification world wide which would be made available to the Conference. In addition, the General Assembly, in paragraph 6 of its resolution 44/172 A on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, invited the Governing Council of UNEP to contribute substantially to the discussion on desertification at the Conference, inter alia, by undertaking a general evaluation of the progress achieved in implementing the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification.

8. It also requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Conference, through its Preparatory Committee, a report on, inter alia, new methods of financing programmes of multilateral organizations. A study will be undertaken by a group of eminent experts on national and international financing, to be convened and co-ordinated by the Executive Director of UNEP.

2. Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 42/186 and 42/187 (resolution 44/227)

9. The General Assembly, in its resolution 44/227, requested the Secretary-General to prepare, for submission to the 1992 Conference, a new consolidated report on the further substantive follow-up of General Assembly resolutions 42/186 and 42/187 (on the Environmental Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond and on the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development) by Governments and organizations of the United Nations system.

3. International co-operation in the field of the environment (resolution 44/229)

10. The General Assembly, in its resolution 44/229, requested the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the structure and responsiveness of the United Nations system to deal with major environmental issues.

11. The above reports will be made available in due course to the appropriate preparatory bodies of the Conference.

II. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES AND OBJECTIVES

12. The Secretary-General has undertaken a preliminary examination of all aspects of the mandate of the Conference, as stipulated in Assembly resolution 44/228. A considerable amount of work, which can be drawn upon by the Committee in the preparatory process, has been carried out by the United Nations system or is under way.

13. The General Assembly, in its resolution 42/186, adopted the Environmental Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond as a broad framework to guide national and international co-operation on policies and programmes aimed at achieving sustained and environmentally sound development in all countries. Similarly, in its resolution 42/187 on the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development, the Assembly, recognizing the common interest of all countries to pursue policies aimed at sustainable and environmentally sound development, invited Governments and organizations of the United Nations system to take account of the analysis and recommendations contained in the report in determining their policies and programmes.

14. In its resolution 44/227, the General Assembly invited the Preparatory Committee to take into account the recommendations contained in the Environmental Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond and the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development, as well as recommendations for action by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, and the views and suggestions expressed by the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme and other organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system on those matters.

15. It is expected that the international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade and the outcome of the special session of the General Assembly devoted to international economic co-operation, in particular to the revitalization of economic growth and development of the developing countries, will further emphasize the importance of the interactions between environment and development for sustainable and environmentally sound development policies, and may thus contribute important inputs to the preparatory process.

16. As to the areas identified in paragraph 12 of Assembly resolution 44/228, it might also be noted that issues such as protection of the atmosphere, toxic chemicals and wastes, oceans and the conservation of biological diversity have already received a considerable amount of attention over the years in various intergovernmental forums. In some cases, work programmes in progress or recently mandated are relevant to the objectives of the Conference as enumerated in paragraph 15 of the resolution.

III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Organization of work

17. The Preparatory Committee should deal with the overall objectives of the Conference, as stated in paragraph 6 above and in paragraph 3 of Assembly resolution 44/228, in which it is affirmed that the Conference should elaborate strategies and measures to halt and reverse the effects of environmental degradation in the context of strengthened national and international efforts to promote sustainable and environmentally sound development in all countries. Towards that end and to facilitate its work, the Secretary-General recommends that the Preparatory Committee consider establishing the following open-ended intergovernmental working groups to deal with the environmental and socio-economic aspects of sustainable and environmentally sound development, as well as questions related to technology, finance, institution-building and other support measures.

18. Working Group I would deal with the following global issues: (a) protection of the atmosphere and (b) protection of oceans and seas.

19. Working Group II would focus on natural resources, including (a) freshwater, (b) land resources and (c) biological diversity and biotechnology.

20. Working Group III, on the quality of life, would deal with the following questions: (a) wastes and toxic chemicals, (b) living and working environment, (c) poverty and (d) health conditions.

21. The Legal Expert Group would deal with the objectives outlined in Assembly resolution 44/228, subparagraphs 15 (d) and (w), concerning issues of a legal nature. The Group, composed of governmental legal representatives, would prepare a report for the consideration of the Preparatory Committee.

22. The Secretary-General recommends that, for the preparatory process to be as effective as possible and in order to avoid duplication of efforts, the Preparatory

Committee should, at an early stage of its work, identify those areas in which ongoing activities would be supportive of the preparatory process and other areas in which further work would be needed to meet the Conference requirements.

23. Should the Committee determine that, in some areas, ongoing work addresses some of the basic requirements of the preparatory process, the Secretary-General suggests that the Committee decide upon the most appropriate means to fully integrate all relevant aspects of that work into the preparatory process.

24. To facilitate these tasks, the Secretary-General proposes to make available to the Committee the following material:

(a) At the Committee's organizational session, a conference room paper containing a synoptic overview of system-wide mandates and/or activities relevant to the Committee's work;

(b) At the Committee's first session, a comprehensive overview of relevant mandates and/or activities, as well as other analytical material, inter alia, on the interaction between environment and development.

25. The Secretary-General proposes that the working groups set up by the Preparatory Committee might hold one session each between the first and second and the second and third sessions of the Committee.

26. At its third session, the Preparatory Committee, taking into account the progress made by the working groups, may decide upon the most appropriate arrangements to pursue its work between its third and fourth sessions. At that stage, the Committee may wish to consider establishing a cross-sectoral working group entrusted with the task of consolidating all inputs from the other working groups, with a view to preparing comprehensive strategies for national, regional and international action for achieving sustainable and environmentally sound development, including all aspects relating to technology, finance, institution-building and other support measures.

27. The preparatory work required for the groups and for the Preparatory Committee itself may necessitate the inputs of consultants and/or expert groups on a range of topics falling within their respective mandates.

28. In section II, paragraph 9, of resolution 44/228, the Assembly requested the United Nations Environment Programme, as the main organ for the environment, and requested the other organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, as well as other relevant intergovernmental organizations, to contribute fully to the preparations of the Conference on the basis of guidelines and requirements to be established by the Preparatory Committee. As indicated in section II of the present report, the Secretary-General notes the considerable amount of work relevant to the Conference objectives already under way. He further notes with satisfaction that members of the United Nations system have indicated their intentions to participate fully in and support the preparatory process. The Secretary-General intends to explore with his colleagues in the United Nations system additional inputs, including those of a sectoral nature, which could be

submitted through the secretariat of the Conference to the Preparatory Committee or its working groups.

B. Suggested schedule of meetings

August/September 1990	First session of the Preparatory Committee
To be scheduled between August/September 1990 and March/April 1991	All working groups
March/April 1991	Second session of the Preparatory Committee
To be scheduled between March/April and September 1991	All working groups
September 1991	Third session of the Preparatory Committee
Between September 1991 and March/April 1992	Arrangements to be decided by the Preparatory Committee, as appropriate
January/February 1992	Fourth session of the Preparatory Committee

C. Other issues

1. Regional meetings

29. The General Assembly, in its resolution 42/187, invited Governments, in co-operation with the regional commissions and the United Nations Environment Programme and, as appropriate, intergovernmental organizations, to support and engage in follow-up activities, such as conferences, at the national, regional and global levels.

30. In resolution 44/228, the Assembly stressed the importance of holding regional conferences on environment and development with the full co-operation of the regional commissions, and recommended that the results of such regional conferences be introduced into the preparatory process for the 1992 Conference, bearing in mind that regional conferences should make important substantive contributions to the Conference.

31. The Secretary-General notes that, with regard to Assembly resolution 42/187, one regional conference has been held (Africa), another is scheduled for May 1990 (Europe) and others are being planned. The Secretary-General considers that the above-mentioned provisions may serve related purposes. The Secretary-General considers regional preparations for the Conference to be particularly important and therefore recommends that the Preparatory Committee examine modalities for co-ordinating, as appropriate, regional inputs into the preparatory process to achieve maximum effectiveness.

2. Non-governmental participation in the preparatory process

32. In resolution 44/228, the General Assembly invited all States to promote broad-based national preparatory processes involving, inter alia, concerned non-governmental organizations. It requested relevant non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to contribute to the Conference, as appropriate.

33. The community of non-governmental organizations has an extensive network and keen interest in a wide range of environmental issues. It can enrich and enhance the deliberations of the Conference and its preparatory process through its contributions and serve as an important channel to disseminate its results, as well as to mobilize public support for strengthened environmental policies at the national and international levels. The Secretary-General therefore considers it important that non-governmental organizations participate effectively in the Conference and its preparatory process. The form and manner of their participation in the preparatory process and in the Conference itself can be determined in the light of the preparatory arrangements to be agreed upon by the Committee. At the national level, the Secretary-General recommends that the guidelines for national contributions provide for the effective involvement of non-governmental organizations. At the intergovernmental level, arrangements for the participation of non-governmental organizations can be worked out in the light of the experience gained.

3. Public information programme

34. While no specific provision is made in resolution 44/228 concerning public information, the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the Preparatory Committee to the need for an effective public information programme for the same reasons as indicated above and will make proposals to the Committee in this regard.

4. Participation of developing countries in the Conference

35. The Secretary-General draws the attention of Member States to section II, paragraph 15, of resolution 44/228, whereby the General Assembly established a voluntary fund for the purpose of supporting developing countries, in particular the least developed among them, in participating fully and effectively in the Conference and in its preparatory process, and invited Governments to contribute to the fund.

5. National reports

36. In section II, paragraph 11, of resolution 44/228, the Assembly invited all States to prepare national reports, as appropriate, to be submitted to the Preparatory Committee. It is the expectation of the Secretary-General that the organizations of the United Nations system will stand ready to assist Member

States, at their request, in the preparation of such reports, taking into account the guidelines to be elaborated by the Preparatory Committee for harmonizing such reporting.

IV. SECRETARIAT SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS

37. The Conference secretariat should have the following mandates and responsibilities:

(a) To provide the secretariat support for the Preparatory Committee and its Bureau and each of the working groups. This would include responsibility for organizing meetings of the Preparatory Committee, its Bureau and working groups, co-ordination of documentation for them and provision of necessary administrative and substantive support for their work, including organizing and overseeing contributions of consultants and expert groups;

(b) Co-ordination of support from the United Nations system required by the Preparatory Committee for the Conference;

(c) Co-ordination of a programme of public information for the Conference in co-operation with the Department of Public Information and, in relation thereto, ongoing contact and relationships with the media;

(d) Co-ordination of a programme to facilitate broad participation by non-governmental, citizen and other private sector groups in activities related to and supportive of the Conference.

38. Detailed information on the structure of the Conference secretariat and other financial requirements will be provided in an addendum to the present report.

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Addendum

Secretariat support and related arrangements

1. The report of the Secretary-General on the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (A/CONF.151/PC/2), contains recommendations to the Preparatory Committee concerning the preparatory process for the Conference. This addendum outlines the secretariat support and related arrangements required to carry out this process and indicates that a Conference secretariat consisting of 20 staff in the Professional category and above and 24 General Service staff would be required as follows:

Geneva

(a) To provide overall executive direction and management: one Secretary-General of the Conference (Under-Secretary-General), one Deputy to the Secretary-General (Assistant Secretary-General) to assist the Secretary-General in managing the secretariat of the Conference and in co-ordinating and supervising the preparations for the Conference; one Special Assistant (P-4) to assist in particular in inter-agency co-ordination; and four General Service staff;

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(b) To deal with substantive programme matters: two Directors (D-2), one Principal Officer (D-1), one Senior Officer (P-5), two Officers (P-4), one Programme Officer (P-3), 10 General Service staff. In matters regarding environment and development, it is expected that work will draw upon contributions from the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), as well as other organizations of the system. It is expected that there will consequently be substantial interaction between the Conference secretariat and other parts of the United Nations system on the broad range of issues involved. In respect of technology, finance and institutions, work will focus on the cross-cutting dimensions of the substantive issues, including transfer of technology, financial resources, funding mechanisms, institution-building and support measures. Substantial interaction is expected in this respect both among the working groups of the Preparatory Committee and within the United Nations system. The work, in respect of both environment and development and technology, finance and institutions, will need to be organized and overseen;

(c) To co-ordinate external relations: one Principal Officer (D-1), one Senior Officer (P-5), one Officer (P-3) and two General Service staff. It is anticipated that the preparatory process will attract widespread interest from non-governmental organizations, industry, trade unions, the scientific community, and women's and youth organizations, whose participation is essential for a successful conference. The work of the secretariat in this area will consist of co-ordinating the related inputs from the various organizations and acting as a focal point for the organizations, providing inputs for the public information programme and handling relations with the media;

(d) To provide administrative services: one Principal Officer (D-1), one Administrative Officer (P-3) and three General Service staff;

New York

To maintain contacts with permanent missions and United Nations organizations and departments: one Principal Officer (D-1), two Officers (P-4), three general service staff. The work of the Secretariat in this respect is expected to focus on socio-economic and environmental aspects of development, as well as on technology, finance and institutions.

Nairobi

To maintain contacts with UNEP and the United Nations Centre on Human Settlements (Habitat): one Principal Officer (D-1), one Officer (P-4) and two General Service staff. The work is expected to focus on the co-ordination of the inputs expected from UNEP and Habitat and to maintain close liaison with these two organizations on substantive issues.

2. The distribution of staff by location and grade would therefore be as follows:

	USG	ASG	D-2	D-1	P-5	P-4	P-3	P-2	Subtotal	General Service	Total
Geneva	1	1	2	3	2	3	3	-	15	19	34
Nairobi	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	2	2	4
New York	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	3	3	6
Total	1	1	2	5	2	6	3	-	20	24	44

3. In addition, it is anticipated that a provision of $78,500 (1990-1991: $50,300; 1992: $28,200) would be required in respect of temporary assistance to provide for replacement of staff on sick leave and for peak periods, and a provision of $13,600 (1990-1991: $6,900; 1992: $6,700) in respect of overtime.

4. The services of consultants will be required to assist in the preparation of background papers needed by the Preparatory Committee and the working groups in carrying out their tasks during the preparatory phase of the Conference. Considering the complexity of the issues to be addressed, it is estimated that 36 work-months would be required for consultants during the preparatory period, which would amount to $294,400 (1990-1991: $194,100; 1992: $100,300).

5. It is estimated that $134,300 (1990-1991: $91,300; 1992: $43,000) in travel funds would be required to enable the staff of the secretariat to undertake consultations with Governments, organizations of the United Nations system and other international organizations, as well as for attendance at meetings. Provision for technical secretariat services for meetings of the Preparatory Committee and the working groups are estimated at $59,500 (1990-1991: $47,300; 1992: $12,200).

6. Provision will also need to be made for the necessary support services to enable the secretariat to fulfil its tasks. In this connection, it is estimated that an amount of $378,800 would be required (1990-1991: $287,400; 1992: $91,400).

Preparatory meetings

7. Based on the organization of work proposed in paragraphs 17-25 and the suggested schedule of meetings contained in paragraph 28 of the report of the Secretary-General (A/CONF.151/PC/2), the conference servicing requirements are estimated at $2,362,400 (1990-1991: $1,934,400; 1992: $428,000). A suggested schedule of meetings and their requirements are presented in the annex to this report.

The Conference

8. In its resolution 44/228, the General Assembly decided to convene the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development for two weeks, to coincide with World Environment Day, 5 June 1992, and accepted with deep appreciation the offer of the Government of Brazil to host the Conference. It is understood that this

offer falls within the provisions of General Assembly resolution 40/243, whereby United Nations bodies may hold sessions away from their established headquarters when a Government issuing an invitation for a session to be held within its territory has agreed to defray, after consultation with the Secretary-General as to their nature and possible extent, the actual additional costs directly or indirectly involved. For purposes of costing, the venue of the Conference has been taken to be Geneva, the site of the secretariat of the Conference. The following assumptions were made:

(a) The Conference would meet for 10 days;

(b) The Conference would be preceded by two days of pre-Conference consultations immediately before the opening of the Conference;

(c) There would be a plenary body and three committees meeting simultaneously, for a total of eight meetings daily. The languages of the Conference would be Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. There would be 250 pages of pre-session; 400 pages of in-session and 100 pages of post-session documentation.

9. Provision in the amount of $100,700 would need to be made in 1992 for attendance at the Conference for travel of 20 staff from New York and four from the regional commissions.

10. Provision would also need to be made for an amount of $6,000 for an official reception for the Conference participants.

11. The estimated costs, therefore, relating to the convening of the Conference would be as follows:

	1990-1991	1992 ($US)
Conference-servicing requirements	-	1,093,000
Other costs	-	106,700
Total	-	1,199,700

Public information

12. There would be a need for an effective public information programme to emphasize the purpose and objectives of the Conference, to enhance public awareness of environmental issues of major concern in maintaining the quality of the Earth's environment and especially in achieving environmentally sound and sustainable development, and to mobilize support for strengthened environmental policies. It is felt that an amount of $750,000 would constitute a reasonable minimum for such a programme, the details of which will be provided to the Preparatory Committee.

13. To recapitulate, the requirements for the Conference, derived from the preparatory process outlined in the report of the Secretary-General on the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (A/CONF.151/PC/2), would amount to $13,482,800, as summarized below:

	1990-1991	1992	Total
	(thousands of US dollars)		
A. Secretariat			
Temporary posts	5,589.1	2,634.2	8,223.3
General temporary assistance	50.3	28.2	78.5
Consultants	194.1	100.3	294.4
Overtime	6.9	6.7	13.6
Travel of staff	138.6	55.2	193.8
Travel to the Conference	-	100.7	100.7
General operating expenses	287.4	97.4	384.8
Subtotal	6,266.4	3,011.0	9,277.4
B. Public information	300.0	450.0	750.0
Subtotal A and B	6,566.4	3,461.0	10,027.4
C. Conference servicing			
Preparatory Committee	1,117.6	428.0	1,545.6
Working groups	816.8		816.8
Pre-Conference consultations	-	30.0	30.0
1992 Conference	-	1,063.0	1,063.0
Subtotal	1,934.4	1,521.0	3,455.4
GRAND TOTAL	8,500.8	4,982.0	13,482.8

14. For 1990-1991, the requirements for the Conference secretariat ($6,266,400) and for public information ($300,000) would be subject to the criteria governing the use of the Contingency Fund, bearing also in mind section II, paragraph 14, of General Assembly resolution 44/228. The conference servicing requirements ($1,934,400) would be met from within the permanent conference servicing capacity under section 29 of the programme budget. Requirements for 1992 would be addressed in the context of the proposed budget outline for the biennium 1992-1993.

15. The estimated requirements outlined in this addendum are derived from the preparatory process as envisaged in the report of the Secretary-General. The actual requirements can be determined only on the basis of the recommendations to be made by the Preparatory Committee. These recommendations, accompanied by a statement of the programme budget implications, will be submitted to the General Assembly for action at a resumed session.

Annex

Suggested schedule of meetings and servicing requirements

	Location	Date	Duration (working days)	No. of pages			Lang.	Daily meetings	Conference servicing costs ($US)
				Pre	In session	Post			
Preparatory Committee	Nairobi	Aug/Sept 1990	10	100	50	50	6	2	601 000
Working Group I	Geneva	Fall 1990/ spring 1991	5	25	10	10	6	2	102 100
Working Group II	Geneva	Fall 1990/ spring 1991	5	25	10	10	6	2	102 100
Working Group III	Geneva	Fall 1990/ spring 1991	5	25	10	10	6	2	102 100
Legal Expert Group	Geneva	Fall 1990/ spring 1991	5	25	10	10	6	2	102 100
Preparatory Committee	Geneva	March/April 91	8	100	80	32	6	2	258 300
Working Group I	Geneva	Summer 1991	5	25	10	10	6	2	102 100
Working Group II	Geneva	Summer 1991	5	25	10	10	6	2	102 100
Working Group III	Geneva	Summer 1991	5	25	10	10	6	2	102 100
Legal Expert Group	Geneva	Summer 1991	5	25	10	10	6	2	102 100
Preparatory Committee	Geneva	September 1991	8	100	80	32	6	2	258 300
Preparatory Committee	New York	Jan/Feb 1992	15	100	150	32	6	2	428 000
Pre-Conference consultations	Geneva a/	June 1992	2	0	0	10	6	2	30 000
Conference	Geneva a/	June 1992	10	250	400	100	6	8	1 063 000
Total									3 455 400

a/ Cost estimates based on Geneva location.

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Note by the Secretariat

Addendum

Public information programmes

The proposed allocation of funding for the information programme for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development is as follows:

Programme	$US
Production costs: 8 segments of UN in action	40 000
15-, 30-, and 60-second TV spots	25 000
Pre-conference, illustrated brochure: 6 languages plus Portuguese	100 000
Conference newsletter: computer and print circulation	100 000
Information kit for conference	55 000
Journalists' round tables	80 000
Seed money for UNIC programmes	50 000
Funds for production (dubs) of audio-visual products	40 000
Additional funds for educational video and teaching guide	20 000
Radio special feature documentaries	5 000
Poster production and distribution	75 000
Special edition of Notes for Speakers	60 000
Special Service Agreements: writing, research and graphic design	100 000
Total	750 000

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIRST SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

1. Adoption of the agenda.

2. Preparations for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on the basis of General Assembly resolution 44/228 and taking into account other relevant General Assembly resolutions:*

   (a) Activities of the Conference secretariat: report of the Secretary-General of the Conference;

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   (c) Recent actions of intergovernmental and other bodies of relevance to the preparatory process;

   (d) Preparations at the national level: guidelines for national reports;

   (e) Preparations at the regional level;

   (f) Arrangements for the participation of relevant non-governmental organizations in the preparatory process;

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* The Conference secretariat will prepare reports for the Preparatory Committee's consideration of sub-items (a) to (g).

(g) Operations of the voluntary fund;

[(h) Reports of the intergovernmental working groups].

3. Arrangements for future sessions of the Preparatory Committee.

4. Provisional agenda for the second session of the Preparatory Committee.

5. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee.

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Annotated provisional agenda

Section I of this document contains the provisional agenda for the first session of the Preparatory Committee, as approved by it at its organizational session in decision VI; section II contains the annotations to the provisional agenda. Section III contains the proposed programme of work of the plenary of the Preparatory Committee. Section IV contains the Chairman's proposed agendas for working groups I and II, and section V contains the Chairman's proposed programmes of work for working groups I and II.

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I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIRST SESSION

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5. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee.

II. ANNOTATIONS

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

1. In resolution 44/228, entitled "United Nations Conference on Environment and Development", the General Assembly decided to convene the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in 1992 in Brazil and, inter alia, to establish the Preparatory Committee for the Conference, open to all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies, with the participation of observers, in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly. It further decided that the Preparatory Committee should hold its first substantive session at Nairobi, the timing and duration of which should be determined by the Preparatory Committee at its organizational session.

2. At its organizational session, held from 5 to 16 March 1990 at United Nations Headquarters, the Preparatory Committee adopted the provisional agenda for its first session (decision VI) and decided that the session should take place from 6 to 31 August 1990. It also adopted a resolution on the organization of its work in which it stressed that environmental and developmental issues should be dealt with in an integrated manner, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 44/228.

3. The Preparatory Committee also decided at its organizational session to establish two open-ended working groups which would meet in conjunction with the substantive sessions of the Committee, at the same venues, and would submit progress reports to the Committee on their work. Each of the working groups would assist the Preparatory Committee in fulfiling its mandate in accordance with General Assembly resolution 44/228 and other relevant General Assembly resolutions.

4. In paragraph 10 of its resolution on the organization of its work, the Preparatory Committee requested its Chairman to prepare, for each working group, as appropriate and on the basis of consultations with the Bureau, concrete recommendations for its agenda and organization of work. (Those recommendations are contained in sections IV and V below.)

5. No other specific documentation was requested for the working groups by the Preparatory Committee. However, documentation that will be available under items 2 (a), 2 (b), 2 (c) and 2 (e) of the provisional agenda will be of direct relevance to the working groups.

6. The Preparatory Committee may wish to elect the Chairmen of the two working groups. It may also wish to decide that each working group should have a Bureau comprised of a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur and that the Vice-Chairmen and the Rapporteurs should be elected by the working groups themselves.

7. With regard to the conduct of business of the Preparatory Committee, it may be recalled that rule 161 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly provides that "the rules relating to the procedure of committees of the General Assembly, as well as rules 45 and 60, shall apply to the procedure of any subsidiary organ

unless the Assembly or the subsidiary organ decides otherwise". Accordingly, the proceedings of the Preparatory Committee are governed by rule 161.

Item 2. Preparations for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on the basis of General Assembly resolution 44/228 and taking into account other relevant General Assembly resolutions

(a) Activities of the Conference secretariat: report of the Secretary-General of the Conference

8. By its decision 44/464 of 2 April 1990, the General Assembly approved the mandates and responsibilities of the Conference secretariat. The Preparatory Committee will have before it a report of the Secretary-General of the Conference covering both organizational and substantive activities of the Conference secretariat since the organizational session of the Committee. The information provided to the Committee under this item will include a synopsis of the activities of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental organizations relevant to the Conference mandate, focusing in particular on actions which might be taken by the Conference.

(b) Overview of the activities of the United Nations system

9. The Preparatory Committee will have before it an overview report prepared under the aegis of the Designated Officials for Environmental Matters of the United Nations system.

10. The Preparatory Committee will also have before it a report of the Secretary-General on protection and preservation of the marine environment (A/44/461), which is being made available at the request of the General Assembly in its resolution 44/26, on the Law of the Sea.

(c) Recent actions of intergovernmental and other bodies of relevance to the preparatory process

11. The Preparatory Committee will be provided with information on recent actions taken by intergovernmental bodies within the United Nations system and on other intergovernmental meetings of relevance to the preparatory process.

(d) Preparations at the national level: guidelines for national reports

12. In decision II, adopted at its organizational session, the Preparatory Committee took note of the Secretariat's suggestions for guidelines for national participation (A/CONF.151/PC/CRP.3) and requested the Secretariat to compile the relevant information and to prepare detailed guidelines on the preparation of national reports for submission to the Preparatory Committee for its consideration at its first session.

13. The Preparatory Committee will have before it the requested guidelines.

(e) Preparations at the regional level

14. In decision I, adopted at its organizational session, the Preparatory Committee decided, inter alia, to hold regional conferences on environment and development in all regions and to integrate the results of those regional conferences into the preparatory process for the Conference. It also decided that, when possible, the regional conferences should submit their final reports no later than the second substantive session of the Preparatory Committee.

15. The Preparatory Committee will have before it a status report by the Secretary-General of the Conference on regional preparations for the Conference. It will also have before it the report of the European regional conference held at Bergen from 8 to 16 May 1990.

(f) Arrangements for the effective contribution of relevant non-governmental organizations in the preparatory process

16. In decision IV, adopted at its organizational session, the Preparatory Committee decided, inter alia, that the Conference secretariat should submit to it, at its first session, suggested arrangements for involving non-governmental organizations in the preparatory process for the Conference in accordance with General Assembly resolution 44/228 and, at a later stage, to make suggestions regarding the participation of non-governmental organizations at the Conference itself.

17. The Preparatory Committee will have before it the requested report, prepared by the Secretary-General of the Conference.

(g) Operations of the voluntary fund

18. In decision III, adopted at its organizational session, the Preparatory Committee decided, inter alia, to open the voluntary fund and requested the Secretary-General to bring the fund to the attention of Member States and to report on the operations of the fund at its first substantive session.

19. The Preparatory Committee will have before it a report by the Secretary-General of the Conference describing the arrangements that have been made for the establishment and operation of the voluntary fund.

(h) Reports of the working groups

20. In the resolution adopted at its organizational session, the Preparatory Committee, decided, inter alia, that the working groups should submit progress reports to the Committee on their ongoing work.

21. The Preparatory Committee will have before it the reports of the working groups for consideration during the last week of the session.

Item 3. Arrangements for future sessions of the Preparatory Committee

22. In its resolution 44/228, the General Assembly decided that the Preparatory Committee should hold an organizational session of two weeks' duration in March 1990 and a final session, both at United Nations Headquarters, and three additional substantive sessions, the first at Nairobi and the following two at Geneva, the timing and duration of which should be determined by the Preparatory Committee.

23. The Preparatory Committee will need to decide on the dates for its second session, to be held at Geneva. It may also wish to take a provisional decision on the dates for its third session, also to be held at Geneva.

Item 4. Provisional agenda for the second session of the Preparatory Committee

24. During the last week of its first session, the Preparatory Committee will have before it, for consideration, the draft provisional agenda for its second session.

Item 5. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee

25. At its resumed forty-fourth session, held on 2 April 1990, the General Assembly took note of paragraphs 56 and 57 of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its organizational session.

26. The Preparatory Committee may wish to submit a report on its first session to the forty-fifth session of the General Assembly and, for that purpose, will have before it a draft report, for consideration.

III. PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE PLENARY OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

Week of 6-10 August

Monday, 6 August

a.m. Meeting of the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee

p.m. Opening of the session

Item 1 Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Item 2 Preparations for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on the basis of General Assembly resolution 44/228 and taking into account other relevant General Assembly resolutions:

(a) Activities of the Conference secretariat: report of the Secretary-General of the Conference;

(b) Overview of the activities of the United Nations system;

(c) Recent actions of intergovernmental and other bodies of relevance to the preparatory process;

Introduction and general discussion 1/

Tuesday, 7 August

a.m. and p.m. Item 2 Preparations for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on the basis of General Assembly resolution 44/228 and taking into account other relevant General Assembly resolutions:

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General discussion (continued)

Wednesday, 8 August

a.m. and p.m.	Item 2	Preparations for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on the basis of General Assembly resolution 44/228 and taking into account other relevant General Assembly resolutions:
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		(b) Overview of the activities of the United Nations system;
		(c) Recent actions of intergovernmental and other bodies of relevance to the preparatory process;
		General discussion (continued)

Thursday, 9 August

a.m.		No meeting
p.m.	Item 2 (f)	Arrangements for the effective contributions of relevant non-governmental organizations in the preparatory process
		Introduction and general discussion

Friday, 10 August

a.m. and p.m.		Informal consultations on cross-sectoral issues

Week of 27-31 August

Monday, 27 August

a.m.		No meeting
p.m.	Item 2 (d)	Preparations at the national level: guidelines for national reports
	Item 2 (e)	Preparations at the regional level
	Item 2 (g)	Operations of the voluntary fund
		Introduction and general discussion

Tuesday, 28 August		
a.m.	Item 2 (d)	Preparations at the national level: guidelines for national reports
	Item 2 (e)	Preparations at the regional level
	Item 2 (g)	Operations of the voluntary fund
		General discussion (continued)
p.m.		Informal consultations on cross-sectoral issues
Wednesday, 29 August		
a.m.		Informal consultations on cross-sectoral issues
p.m.		No meeting
Thursday, 30 August		
a.m. and p.m.	Item 2 (h)	Reports of the working groups
Friday, 31 August		
a.m.	Item 3	Arrangements for future sessions of the Preparatory Committee
	Item 4	Provisional agenda for the second session of the Preparatory Committee
p.m.	Item 5	Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee
		Conclusion of the work of the first session of the Preparatory Committee

IV. PROPOSED AGENDAS OF THE WORKING GROUPS

Working group I

1. Protection of the atmosphere:

   (a) Climate change;

   (b) Ozone depletion;

   (c) Transboundary air pollution.

2. Land resources:

   (a) Deforestation;

   (b) Soil loss;

   (c) Desertification and drought.

3. Conservation of biological diversity.

4. Environmentally sound management of biotechnology.

5. Consideration of the draft report of the working group.

6. Draft provisional agenda for the second session of the working group.

Working group II

1. Protection of the oceans:

   (a) Global aspects of marine pollution;

   (b) Regional seas and coastal areas;

   (c) Rational use and development of living marine resources.

2. Protection of fresh-water resources:

   (a) Supply of fresh water;

   (b) Quality of fresh water.

3. Environmentally sound management of wastes, particularly hazardous wastes.

4. Environmentally sound management of toxic chemicals.

5. Prevention of illegal international traffic in toxic and dangerous products and wastes.

6. Consideration of the draft report of the working group.

7. Draft provisional agenda for the second session of the working group.

V. PROPOSED PROGRAMMES OF WORK OF THE WORKING GROUPS

Working group I

Week of 13-17 August

Monday, 13 August

a.m.		Organization of work
p.m.	Item 1 (a)	Protection of the atmosphere: climate change

Tuesday, 14 August

a.m.	Item 1 (a)	Protection of the atmosphere: climate change
p.m.	Item 1 (b)	Protection of the atmosphere: ozone depletion

Wednesday, 15 August

a.m.	Item 1 (b)	Protection of the atmosphere: ozone depletion
p.m.	Item 1 (c)	Protection of the atmosphere: transboundary air pollution

Thursday, 16 August

a.m.	Item 2 (a)	Land resources: deforestation
p.m.	Item 2 (a)	Land resources: deforestation

Friday, 17 August

a.m.	Item 2 (b)	Land resources: soil loss
p.m.		No meeting

Week of 20-24 August

Monday, 20 August

a.m.	Item 2 (c)	Land resources: desertification and drought
p.m.	Item 2 (c)	Land resources: desertification and drought

Tuesday, 21 August

a.m.	Item 3	Conservation of biological diversity
p.m.	Item 3	Conservation of biological diversity

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Wednesday, 22 August

a.m.	Item 4	Environmentally sound management of biotechnology
p.m.	Item 4	Environmentally sound management of biotechnology

Thursday, 23 August

a.m.		No meeting
p.m.		No meeting

Friday, 24 August

a.m.	Item 5	Consideration of the draft report of the working group
p.m.	Item 5	Consideration of the draft report of the working group
	Item 6	Draft provisional agenda for the next session of the working group

Working group II

Week of 13-17 August

Monday, 13 August

a.m.		Organization of work
p.m.	Item 1 (a)	Protection of the oceans: global aspects of marine pollution

Tuesday, 14 August

a.m.	Item 1 (b)	Protection of the oceans: regional seas and coastal areas
p.m.	Item 1 (b)	Protection of the oceans: regional seas and coastal areas

Wednesday, 15 August

a.m.	Item 1 (c)	Protection of the oceans: rational use and development of living marine resources
p.m.	Item 1 (c)	Protection of the oceans: rational use and development of living marine resources

Thursday, 16 August

a.m.	Item 2 (a)	Protection of fresh-water resources: supply of fresh water
p.m.	Item 2 (a)	Protection of fresh-water resources: supply of fresh water

Friday, 17 August

a.m.	Item 2 (b)	Protection of fresh-water resources: quality of fresh water
p.m.		No meeting

Week of 20-24 August

Monday, 20 August

a.m.	Item 2 (b)	Protection of fresh-water resources: quality of fresh water
p.m.	Item 3	Environmentally sound management of wastes, particularly hazardous wastes

Tuesday, 21 August

a.m.	Item 3	Environmentally sound management of wastes, particularly hazardous wastes
p.m.	Item 4	Environmentally sound management of toxic chemicals

Wednesday, 22 August

a.m.	Item 4	Environmentally sound management of toxic chemicals
p.m.	Item 5	Prevention of illegal international traffic in toxic and dangerous products and wastes

Thursday, 23 August

a.m.		No meeting
p.m.		No meeting

Friday, 24 August

a.m.	Item 6	Consideration of the draft report of the working group
p.m.	Item 6	Consideration of the draft report of the working group
	Item 7	Draft provisional agenda for the second session of the working group.

Notes

1/ It is suggested that a time-limit of 10 minutes be set for statements under this cluster of items.